

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the parent case, Serial No. 09/258,477, the Examiner allowed some claims and rejected claims 6, 8-11 and 13-15. To expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants opted to cancel the rejected claims 6, 8-11 and 13-15 for further prosecution in the present continuation application. Applicants also hereby submit new claims 26 and 27. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the patentability of the claims presented herein.

Applicants amended claim 6 to specify: "preventing synchronizing of the memory resource with the multiple devices if the memory resource is not to be shared." Applicants do not find the resulting combination of limitations in any of the art of record. At least for this reason, claim 6 and dependent claims 8-10 are patentable.

Applicants also amended claim 6 to remove reference to "the steps of" phrase to ensure that the claim is not interpreted under dictates 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. Applicants amended claim 9 to correct a typographical error by replacing "step a" with "determining whether a memory element within the memory resource has changed." Further, "determining the occurrence" has been replaced in claim 9 with "determining an occurrence" to ensure proper antecedent basis.

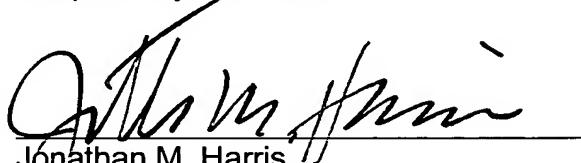
Applicants amended claim 11 to include "computer program code to prevent synchronizing of the memory resource with the multiple devices if the memory resource is not to be shared." Applicants do not find the resulting combination of limitations in any of the art of record. At least for this reason, claim 11 and dependent claims 13-15 are patentable.

Newly submitted claim 26 comprises, among other features, "means for overriding synchronization of a memory resource when the memory resource is not shareable or has already been synchronized." This limitation is written in a format intended to invoke 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. None of the art of record teaches the claimed "means" that is quoted above. At least for this reason, claims 26 and 27 are patentable.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees

have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Hewlett-Packard Company Deposit Account Number 08-2025 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

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